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In re Application of:)
Paul J. CECIL et al.) Group Art Unit: 3724
Application No.: 10/667,507) Examiner: Timothy V. ELEY
Filed: September 23, 2003) Confirmation No.: 2578
For: SURFACE PREPARATION DEVICE AND METHOD))

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005 to which a response is due with a one month extension by January 9, 2006. A request for a one month extension of time accompanies this submission. In view of the following amendments and remarks,

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.